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House of Representatives
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
Development, and Related Agencies
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Quigley
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban
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Chairman Cole and Ranking Member Quigley:

I request funding for ULL Bio-Innovation Ecosystem in New Iberia Parish in the fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is The University of Louisiana at Lafayette and New Iberia Research Center, located at 4401 W Admiral Doyle Dr., New Iberia, LA 70560.

This project seeks to develop a bio-innovation ecosystem to include 1.) a Biosafety Level 3 (BSL-3) lab to expand NIRC's capabilities, 2.) Louisiana's first current Good Manufacturing Practices (cGMP) facility, and 3.) a Bio-Innovation Accelerator to attract bio-tech companies. This CPF requests funds to procure the equipment needed for a functional cGMP facility. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will give the region an opportunity for overall economic development and allow the region to become an industry leader in the Biometric research and development industry.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(2).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Respectfully,



Member of Congress